

CHAPTER 2.7.13.

**NEWCASTLE DISEASE**

Article 2.7.13.4.

When importing from an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* as defined in Article 2.7.13.3, *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for live poultry (other than day-old poultry)

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the poultry showed no clinical sign suggestive of ND on the day of shipment;
2. the poultry were kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* since they were hatched or for at least the past 21 days;
3. the poultry have not been vaccinated against ND or if the birds were vaccinated against ND the nature of the vaccine used (such as type and virus strain) and the date of vaccination shall be attached to the certificate;
4. the birds are transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers.

Article 2.7.13.5.

Regardless of the ND status of the country, *zone* or *compartment* of origin, *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for live birds other than poultry

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the birds showed no clinical sign suggestive of ND on the day of shipment;
2. the birds were kept in isolation approved by the *Veterinary Services* since they were hatched or for at least the 21 days prior to shipment and showed no clinical sign of infection with a virus which would be considered ND in poultry during the isolation period;
3. if more than 30 birds are in the group or lot to be exported, then a statistically representative sample of the birds were subjected to a diagnostic test 7 to 14 days prior to

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shipment to demonstrate freedom from infection with vNDV;

4. the birds are transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers;
5. the birds have not been vaccinated against ND or if the birds were vaccinated against ND the nature of the vaccine used ([such as type and virus strain](#)) and the date of vaccination shall also be attached to the certificate.

Article 2.7.13.6.

When importing from an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* as defined in Article 2.7.13.3, *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for day-old live poultry

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the poultry were hatched and kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment*;
2. the poultry were derived from parent flocks which had been kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of the collection of the eggs;
3. the poultry have not been vaccinated against ND or if poultry or parent flocks were vaccinated against ND the nature of the vaccine used ([such as type and virus strain](#)) and the date of vaccination shall also be attached to the certificate;
4. the birds are transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers.

Article 2.7.13.7.

Regardless of the ND status of the country, *zone* or *compartment*, *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for day-old live birds other than poultry

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the birds showed no clinical sign suggestive of ND on the day of shipment;
2. the birds were hatched and kept in isolation approved by the *Veterinary Services*;
3. [a representative sample of birds in](#) the parent flock ~~birds~~ were subjected to a diagnostic test at the time of the collection of the eggs to demonstrate freedom from infection with vNDV;

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4. the birds are transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers;
5. the birds have not been vaccinated against ND or if the birds or parent flocks were vaccinated against ND the nature of the vaccine used ([such as type and virus strain](#)) and the date of vaccination shall also be attached to the certificate.

Article 2.7.13.8.

When importing from an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* as defined in Article 2.7.13.3., *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for *hatching eggs* from poultry

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. the eggs came from an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment*;
2. the eggs were derived from parent flocks which had been kept in an ND free country, *zone* or *compartment* for at least 21 days prior to and at the time of the collection of the eggs;
3. the parent flocks have not been vaccinated against ND; or if parent flocks were vaccinated against ND the nature of the vaccine used ([such as type and virus strain](#)) and the date of vaccination shall also be attached to the certificate;
4. the eggs are transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers.

Article 2.7.13.9.

Regardless of the ND status of the country, *zone* or *compartment*, *Veterinary Administrations* should require:

for *hatching eggs* from birds other than poultry

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1. [a representative sample of birds in](#) the parent flock ~~birds~~ were subjected to a diagnostic test at the time of the collection of the eggs to demonstrate freedom from infection with vNDV;
2. the birds are transported in new or appropriately sanitized containers;
3. the parent flocks have not been vaccinated against ND; or if parent flocks were vaccinated against ND the nature of the vaccine used ([such as type and virus strain](#)) and the date of vaccination shall also be attached to the certificate.

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**Rationale 1:** Article 2.7.13.5 (item 3), Article 2.7.13.7 (item 3), and Article 2.7.13.9 (item 1) all require that the birds or parent flock be tested prior to the export of the particular commodity. Since a shipment of birds may contain hundreds of birds, and flocks will contain thousands of birds, we believe that the intent of the recommendations in these Articles is to test a statistically representative sample of the birds or the flock. To add clarity to the text, we are recommending the proposed text as indicated in the respective articles.

**Rationale 2:** Articles 2.7.13.5 through Article 2.7.13.9 contain an item which makes reference to vaccination and that when vaccination is used, the “nature” of the vaccine and date of vaccination be attached to the health certificate. For added clarity and guidance, the United States recommends adding the words “such as type and virus strain” as indicated in each Article.